

**INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT[481]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 10A.104(5) and 135B.7, the Department of Inspections and Appeals hereby amends Chapter 51, "Hospitals," Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of the adopted amendments is to add Det Norske Veritas (DNV) to the list of hospital accreditation organizations. Current rules specify only two accreditation organizations, The Joint Commission and the American Osteopathic Association. The third organization, Det Norske Veritas, was recently approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a hospital accreditation organization.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 6, 2010, as **ARC 9120B**. No comments were received; no changes were made to the amendments published under Notice of Intended Action.

The amendments were presented to the Hospital Licensing Board at its July 27, 2010, meeting, at which time the Board approved them.

The State Board of Health initially reviewed the proposed amendments at its September 8, 2010, meeting, and subsequently approved the adopted amendments at its November 10, 2010, meeting.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 10A.104(5) and 135B.7.

These amendments shall become effective January 5, 2011.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [51.2, 51.6, 51.53(7)] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 9120B**, IAB 10/6/10.

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